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# ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

*Words & Tune: Traditional French Carol*

- 1) Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o're the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains
  
- 2) Shepherds why this Jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song
  
- 3) Come to Bethlehem to see  
him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King
  
- 4) See within a manger laid  
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
With us sing our Savior's birth.

## Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE.....PIANIST/CHOIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT TO WORSHIP....."HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PRAYER OF CONCENTRATION

DOXOLOGY.....**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above each heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Minister/Steward

L: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. *(Ps. 122:1-2)*

**P: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.** *(Ps. 84:10)*

L: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good. *(Ps. 122:9)*

**P: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.** *(Ps. 92:13)*

L: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth. *(Ps. 28:8)*

**P: For the Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.** *(Hab. 2:20)*

L: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. *(Ps. 19:14)*

**P: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises.** *(Ps. 19:1&4)*

THE MORNING HYMN #118....."ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

THE PRAYER.....PASTOR HALE

THE PRAYER RESPONSE #619....."SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"

*Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....**Matthew 3: 1-12 (niv)**

(Isaiah 11: 1-10, Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19; Romans 14: 4-13)

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup>and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” <sup>4</sup>John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with<sup>[b]</sup> water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

PREFACE..... **”From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let thy creator’s praise arise;  
Let the redeemer’s name be sung,  
Through every land, by every tongue.”**

THE SUMMARY OF THE .....**Minister/Steward**

M: And He said to them, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI.....**”Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

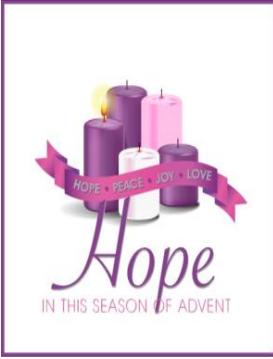
SELECTION

MISSIONARY/TITHES/OFFERING.....**Finance Committee**

ADVENT MOMENT.....**Pastor Hale**

**Second Sunday of Advent – Peace**

**By Carlene L. Douglas**



**Leader:** On this Second Sunday in the season of Advent, we focus our attention on **PEACE**. We remember that God is Peace and only from God can we have complete peace. God empowers us to use God’s peace within us to tranquilize hate, indifference, and intolerance.

**Response:** We affirm that we will not be shaken or discouraged by what we see and hear. We affirm that we are empowered by the peace of God, and power of God within us.

**Leader:** O Emmanuel God with us, give us boldness to live in peace despite the turmoil in our midst. When fear and discomfort overtake us, listen to our heartbeats and quiet them with Your comforting presence.

**Response:** Let us live in peace with each other, bearing witness of God’s love and power. When Jesus returns, may Jesus find us as reconciled people. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

(Two youth/adults light two purple candles.)

**ALL:** Father, in this Advent Season, increase our desire to spend more time in prayer, to examine our lives and bear good fruit. Help us to live in peace with each other, bearing witness of Your forgiveness and love. When Jesus returns, may Jesus find us reconciled people. Amen.

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| SERMONIC SELECTION.....         | MASS CHOIR          |
| THE MESSAGE.....                | <b>Pastor Hale</b>  |
| INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP..... | <b>Pastor Hale</b>  |
| INVITATIONAL SELECTION.....     | MASS CHOIR          |
| WELCOME.....                    | <b>Pastor Hale</b>  |
| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....       | THE APOSTLES’ CREED |

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the

church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY.....BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS —

### TEACHING MOMENTS

*Next Week's Scripture Lessons:*

*Third Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 145: 5-10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11*

Church School for ALL Ages – 8:00 am *Every Sunday*

Pastor's Bible Study – Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

### MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Choir Rehearsal – EVERY Thursday at 6:00 PM

### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- The Mary Creth Missionary Society and other volunteers will be working the Food Pantry on the following dates: **Monday, December 9** from 5:00-7:00 and **Thursday, December 12** from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 9, 7:00 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Conference with Presiding Elder Kenneth Golphin.
- Saturday, December 14, 6:00 p.m., "God's Open House" here at St. Paul.
- Monday, December 16, 6:00 p.m., Trustee Board organizational meeting
- Monday, December 16, 7:00 p.m., Stewardship and Finance Committee meeting
- Sunday, December 22, Our Christmas Celebration!
- Sunday, December 29, Love Feast
- Sunday, December 31, **6:00 p.m., Dinner and Watch Night Service begins at 7:30 p.m.**, at First Baptist Church.
- Sunday, January 6, Covenant Renewal Service.

### REMINDERS

- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of \$171.00 is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as CA171.
- Conference Claims per member per month is \$15.00/\$180.00 per year. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- The Seed Sowers Project is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.
- Mass and Men's Choir: Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per member per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. unless notified otherwise.
- St. Paul's CD/DVD Ministry to the Sick and Shut-in: If you desire a CD or a DVD of the worship services, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.
- Need a ride to Church School or Church, please call Sis. Tanya Clark by Saturday at (859) 361-1426.
- Anyone interested in working with and learning about the DVD ministry, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

- **Calling Post**

If you're not part of our Calling Post, then please text or email the Pastor using his contact information on the front of the bulletin. Give him your name, phone number and email address, and we'll make sure you are kept in the loop! Thank you!!!

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Lorie Dale        | December 5  |
| Harold Ikard, Jr. | December 8  |
| James Harris      | December 15 |
| Randy Harris      | December 18 |
| Jonathan Higgins  | December 18 |
| Susan Johnson     | December 28 |

## OUR PRAYER LIST

The Families of Charles E. Brown, Jr.  
and Charles E. Brown, III  
Armenta Chase  
Christine Collins  
Lorie Dale  
Phyllis Dockies  
Lewis Givens  
Damon Greene  
Jacqueline Greenlee  
Rev. Frederick E. Hale  
Mary Marcella Higgins  
Pearl C. Higgins  
Mildred Jones  
Richard Kirtley, Jr.  
Norman Morton  
Betty Moseley  
Odes Nash  
Rev. James E. Smith  
Renee Scott Smith  
Russell Thornton  
Frances Walker  
Anna Williams

*Please remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Send them a card, call and visit to let them know you care.*

# SERMON NOTES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Songs we sang:



Scripture Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Text: \_\_\_\_\_

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